

Powers of the Todupuzha Tahsildar.

414. *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tahsildar, Todupuzha, exercised the functions of a First Class Magistrate during the month of Makaram, 1111; and

(b) if so, when he was invested with the powers of a First Class Magistrate, and by whom?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) No.

(b) In view of the answer to part (a), this question does not arise.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolum*): May I know whether the First Class Magistrate, Todupuzha, was on leave in the month of Makaram, 1111?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, for a few days.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolum*): Then may I know who was in charge of the duties of the First Class Magistrate?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Tahsildar, Todupuzha, was in charge of the duties of the First Class Magistrate.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolum*): During that period, may I know whether he charged cognisable offences and issued process?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, he took two cases to the file and process was issued in one.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolum*): May I know whether he was invested with First Class Magistrate's powers to take exclusively cognisable cases that are conducted by the First Class Magistrate?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Tahsildar was asked to hold charge and during that period he admitted two cases. The District Magistrate says that he did not exercise the functions of the First Class Magistrate, but he issued process in one case and it was considered as an irregularity. No notification was published in the Gazette.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolum*): May I know whether the admission of cases on the file and the issue of process do not constitute the exercise of functions of First Class Magistrate's powers?

PRESIDENT: It was an irregularity and the Chief Secretary has said that.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolum*): May I know who asked the Tahsildar to take charge of the First Class Magistrate's duties?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The District Magistrate.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolum*): May I know who was the District Magistrate?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. Cameron.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolum*): May I know, whether the District Magistrate is competent to make such arrangements?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think, in short vacancies, the District Magistrate can make arrangements, simply to hold charge.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolum*): Was the Tahsildar simply holding charge?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Tahsildar did admit two cases and process was issued in one case. That was an irregularity. I have nothing more to add.

Eloor Lower Grade Elementary School.

415. ***MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*): In answer to question No. 154 of the Seventh Session of the First Assembly, dated the 3rd Vrischikam 1111, 19th November 1935, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inhabitants of Eloor in the Varapuzha *jakuthi* of Parur taluk have sent any representation, to Government and the Director of Public Instruction, that the Malayalam Lower Grade Elementary School should not be abolished; and

(b) the action taken by them on the representation?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(a) Yes.

(b) Sanction has been accorded to the school being revived with effect from the beginning of the current school year (1936-37).

Sugar-cane Farm in South Travancore.

416. ***MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to open a sugar-cane farm in South Travancore in pursuance of their statement before the Assembly?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government have sanctioned the opening of a sugar-cane farm in South Travancore and arrangements are now in progress to select a suitable site for locating the farm.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): What was the delay due to in selecting a site for locating the sugar-cane farm?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The site first selected was found unsuitable by the P. W. D.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know when the Chief Engineer inspected the site?